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Van der Hoff Run Down by His Wife After a Long Search

New York, June 18.—Residents of Morristown, N. J., are expressing unstinted admiration for the courage of Mrs. Mary Annie Van der Hoff, of Greenpoint, L. I., and for the persistence with which she has for three years pursued her husband, Marcus E. Van der Hoff, to find him at last residing in comfort and almost luxury in that town in the company of a young woman said to be a graduate from the ranks of the Salvation Army of New York.

Van der Hoff is now in the Morristown jail, Mrs. Van der Hoff, with her two boys, eight and ten years old, is in possession of the residence, at No. 26 Columbia street, wherein her husband had been dwelling with the young woman for whom he deserted his wife and children, and who, ordered from the house by the angry and insulted wife, has fled, her whereabouts being unknown.

Persistent and determined has been Mrs. Van der Hoff's pursuit of her recalcitrant spouse since he left her, with her two little boys, in Greenpoint, L. I., three years ago. Mrs. Van der Hoff is made of stern material, and, instead of pining for her absent husband, she secured employment and has since supported her offspring and herself, never while so doing neglecting an opportunity to obtain a trace of her absent husband. She followed one clue after another until the last and true one led her to Morristown, N. J., where, dwelling in peace and quiet, she found her husband and Jennie Hagen.

They surrounded by all the comforts of a pleasant home, and adjoining them, at No. 26 Columbia street, lived Judge John M. Haines, who had met and become friendly with Marcus E. Van der Hoff, but who, as soon as he learned of the deception of his neighbor, turned against him and took up the cudgels for the injured wife.

Mrs. Van der Hoff went to Morristown, N. J., last Saturday and started to locate her husband. She had learned that he had established a painting and decorating business there and, accompanied by her two sons, she started out to make a house to house search for him. But she was fortunate, for in the park she came face to face with the object of her search. He pretended to welcome her, and when she asked him where he was living he told that his cousin was keeping house for him. Mrs. Van der Hoff insisted on going to the house, and there met the "cousin." The woman was Jennie Hagen, a stranger to Mrs. Van der Hoff, who mothered her suspicious and remained with her husband until Sunday morning, when she went out and consulted with Judge Haines.

Judge Haines, who had met both Van der Hoff and his supposed wife socially, was incensed at the deception practiced upon him, and insisted upon Mrs. Van der Hoff making a complaint against her husband, which under the laws of New Jersey, she could properly do. Mrs. Van der Hoff, when it was explained to her that the woman, Jennie Hagen, had been living for three months in Morristown as Mrs. Van der Hoff, consented, and Van der Hoff was arrested and was hauled before Judge Haines, who forthwith committed him to jail for trial tomorrow, in default of \$500 bail.

Then Mrs. Van der Hoff, acting under the advice of Judge Haines, took possession of the house at No. 26 Columbia street and all its contents. Accompanied by the Judge, she went to the house and ordered Miss Hagen to take her hat and coat and leave the premises. The woman, Miss Jennie Hagen, packed a few toilet articles in a bag, which she was permitted to take away and left at once.

"My husband left me three years ago," said Mrs. Van der Hoff. "I supposed that something had happened to him when he disappeared, and notified the police to look for him, but they could not find him. Then I searched for him, and finally learned that he was here. Under the Jersey law I understand that I can send him to jail, and I propose to do it. He is a painter and decorator and makes a handsome living, and he can afford to support his wife and children. I traced him some months ago to Madison, N. J., but he fled before I could catch him. I shall prosecute him to the full extent of the law."

Van der Hoff, when seen in the jail through the kindness of Sheriff Charles Baker, said that he had not

deserted his wife, but had been driven from home by her. "I was always willing to support her and the children," he said, "but she drove me out. The woman who was living with me was my housekeeper. She is my cousin. She never was a Salvation lassie, as has been stated; that is a mistake. I have no money and cannot fight the case, but I have obtained a lawyer. I am sorry to let Miss Hagen go away; she would have been a good witness for me."

Judge Haines said that Van der Hoff had introduced Miss Hagen to him and to his family as Mrs. Van der Hoff. "When I learned Mrs. Van der Hoff's story," said the Judge, "I determined that this man should be punished, and so advised her to prosecute him. I would like to have him cease taken before the Grand Jury, but he elects to be tried in the special sessions court. He introduced this woman to everybody here as his wife, Mrs. Van der Hoff, and she was supposed to be such. He will certainly suffer the full penalty of the law."

LEAVES FORTUNE TO "OLD MISSUS."

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